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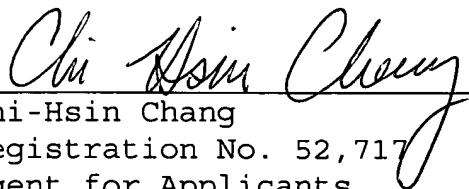
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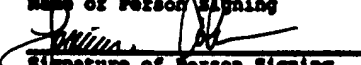
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98,  
applicants hereby make the following documents of record in  
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## Other Documents

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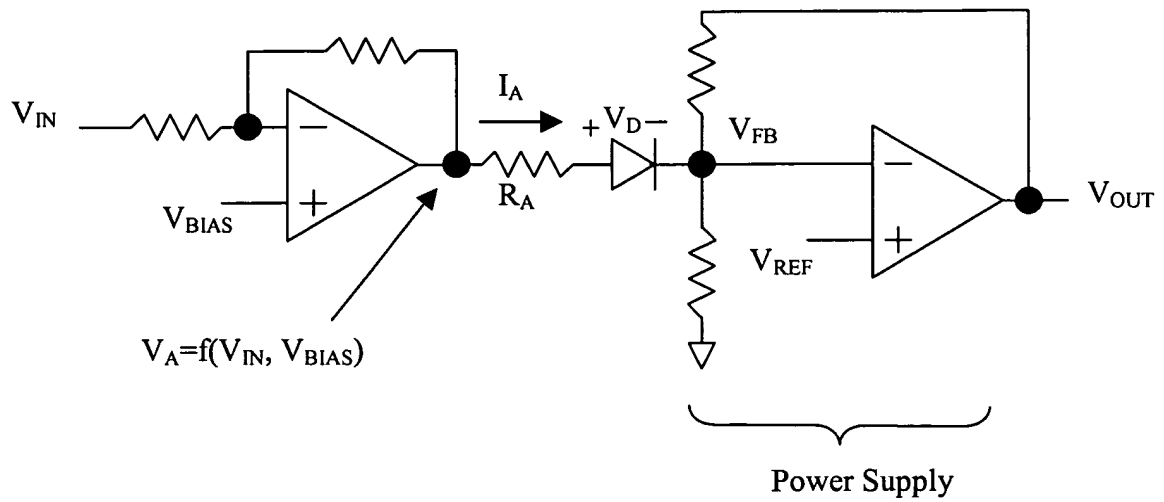
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#### Other Information

The following are two previously-known techniques that can be used to generate a signal that is injected into the feedback network. Applicants respectfully submit that the inventions claimed in the present application are patentable over the following two techniques.

(1) A resistor could be connected between a voltage source and the feedback node to adjust the output voltage.

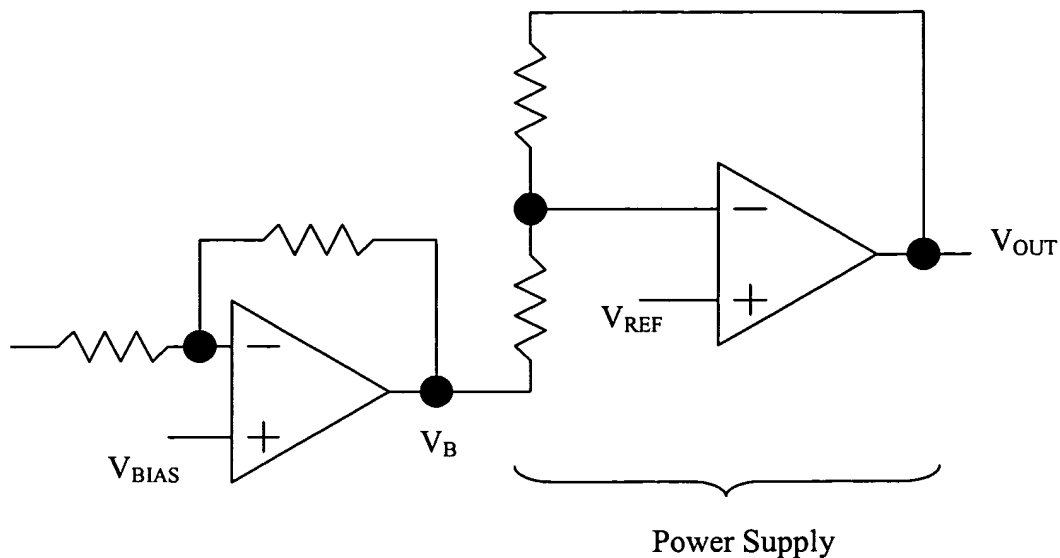


$$I_A = \frac{V_A - V_{FB} - V_D}{R_A} \approx \frac{V_A - V_{FB}}{R_A} \quad \text{when the diode is}$$

forward biased.

While ramping, this presents a different impedance at the feedback node, which could affect stability.

(2) A voltage could be forced at the bottom of a resistor coupled to the feedback node, which effectively injects a signal into the feedback node.



$V_B$  alters the current through the feedback resistors. There is an error voltage after the supply has completely ramped-up due to the non-zero  $V_B$  voltage. Also, the op-amp's feedback loop may interact with the power supply's feedback loop.

It is respectfully requested that these documents be (1) fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application; and (2) printed on any patent that may issue on this application. Applicants request that a copy of Form PTO-1449, as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next communication.

An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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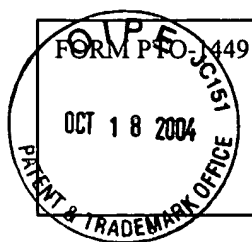
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